IN THE DISCLOSURE:

All of the following amendments to the disclosure reference page and line number of the clean copy of the substitute specification filed May 13, 2005.

1. Delete the "Cross-Reference to Related Application" section at page 1, lines 3-.

2. Delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17.

3. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, with the following paragraph:

According to process step a) a stack of products lying on first transport element (T1) is to be initially fastened, especially on its [[top]] upper end. For this purpose a fastening cover (D) is mounted from the top on the stack or pressed against the [[top]] upper end of the stack by a stipulated amount. The stack is fastened in this way between the fastening cover (D) and first the transport element (T1) on which the stack rests.

4. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following paragraph:

Process e) describes reversal of movement of the foot element. After the new transport element has replaced the old [[one]] one, and therefore has been inserted between the foot element and the bottom of the stack, the foot element must be returned to its initial position for reliable support of the stack. This occurs by pivoting or moving the foot element back in the direction toward the bottom of the stack.

5. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1, with the following paragraph:

As an alternative to pivotability of the apparatus it is also conceivable to raise essentially vertically by a certain height the stack with its clamping jaws, rear wall, fastening cover, transport element and foot element. This permits the pivoting or travel movement of the foot element in order to release the transport element. The ~~actually~~ required lifting height is then guided according to the pivot or travel range that the foot element requires while it is moved away from the bottom of the transport element. The exclusively vertical movement of the stack and the subsequent movement of the foot element out, as already described, is then useful and possible, if the stack is stabilized merely by the clamping jaws so that even during removal of the transport element the individual components of the stack do not collapse downward. The lifting movement advantageously permits ergonomically comfortable work and technically simple design.

6. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 10, with the following paragraph:

~~Additional advantageous variants are apparent from the dependent claims.~~ <u>These and other, advantages, and features of the invention will be apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiments considered along with the accompanying drawings.</u>